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MILK SUCKING PUMP

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## FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject Patent Application as follows to place this

Patent Application in better condition for examination:

In the claims, substitute the following Claims 1-23 (Amended) for the pending Claims 1-23 from the verified English language translation:

1. (Amended) In a breast pump having an attachment (6) releasably applied to an opening of a container (2) and having a breast attachment element (6.1), and a manual pump unit (3) which is releasably connected to the attachment (6) by a connecting sleeve (5.3) or a connecting bore having a cap-shaped connecting section, and a pump piston (7) which can be moved back and forth in a